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SEVEN CONFERENCE GAMES LOST TO DATE

Close Battles Mark Mid-Season Schedule

THREE GAMES

Remain To Be Played

By dropping its first game of this semester to Ashland, 40-27, Kenyon failed to avenge its defeat handed her by Ashland in football last season. Ashland held the lead throughout the entire game, and at half held a decisive margin. Stock and McElroy upheld the Mauve to a great degree, bringing in twenty points. Of these Stock is credited with twelve—all being scored in the second half of the game.

A poor Case team beat a poorer Kenyon team in Cleveland, Feb. 7, by the close score of 29-27. Moore of Case was high scorer of the evening, but Cameron, a fast guard, won the game by sinking the winning basket. The game was tied at the half. Lindsay and Stock were high scorers for Kenyon.

After holding the lead through practically the entire game, Kenyon dropped its game to Otterbein on Feb. 11, 41-39, and took its seventh conference setback. Leading at the half with the score 24-23, Kenyon increased its lead during the second period, and it looked as though the jinx which has followed her through the entire season might finally be dropped. Andrews, however, had other intensions and in the last minute of play he put the score at a deadlock. Francis then sunk his eighth long shot of the game to win for Otterbein and to raise the points scored by him during the game to twenty. Andrews was next in line for individual honors, tallying fourteen points to lead Swanson, high point man for Kenyon, by two points.

In defensive play the Mauve players outclassed their opponents, not allowing a point to be scored from under the backboard, but were decidedly weak in making free throws.

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KNOX COUNTY ALUMNI MEET IN GAMBIER

A meeting of the Knox County Alumni Association was held Thursday, February twelfth. An excellent dinner was enjoyed in the private dining room of the College Commons. An entirely new group of officers was chosen to function for the year: James Nelson, president, R. D. Cahall, vice president, and Curtis Kinney, secretary-treasurer. James Nelson and Henry C. Devin were chosen to represent the association on the Alumni Council. The association set itself the task of providing at least one scholarship for some Knox county high school boy, and to attain a one hundred percent membership in the general Alumni Association.



—Bachrach Photo.
REV. B. H. REINHIMER.

ALUMNUS RECEIVES FINE APPOINTMENT

IN CHARGE OF FIELD WORK OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Kenyon alumnus has been placed in charge of the field work of the Episcopal Church throughout the United States.

He is the Venerable Bartelle H. Reinheimer, '11 B. S., '14 Bexley, whose first executive experience was as graduate manager of Kenyon athletics, while "Bart" was in the seminary.

The appointee, whose title will be Executive Secretary, Field Department, National Council of the Episcopal Church, will assume his new duties March 15, in New York City. These duties will consist chiefly in doing, on a national and even international scale, the work he has been doing for a decade in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. He has had headquarters in Columbus and Cincinnati, with the rank of Archdeacon.

The Venerable Mr. Reinheimer's appointment came from the hands of the Most Rev. James DeWolf Perry, Bishop of Rhode Island and Presiding Bishop of the Church.

According to Cincinnati press account (Continued on Page Two)

BILLIONS OF NOISY PESTS EXPECTED TO INVADE GAMBIER; HOST OF UNINVITED GUESTS TO ATTEND COMMENCEMENT

DRAMA CLUB TO GIVE TWO MORE PLAYS

SECOND VENTURE SET FOR MONDAY NIGHT

The college is eagerly awaiting the next presentations of the Kenyon Drama Club, which will be presented in the Peirce Hall Lounge at 8:20 Monday evening, February 23. At that time there will be offered two one-act skits, coached by Henry Shute, the president of the organization. Four new players will make their first appearances at this time, John McTammany, Steve Clark, Merrill MacNamee, and Hugh Eickman. The other parts will be taken by several of the actors who proved so popular at the last performances. Jack Chambers will again break hearts in one of the feminine roles, while Steve Clark will finish the job in the other. The first skit is entitled, "The Man in the Blue Hat." "Checkmate" is the promising title of the second piece.

TWO COURSES BEING GIVEN FOR FIRST TIME

With the opening of the second semester, two new courses were placed on the College curriculum. The Freshman Lecture requirement has taken the form of a class in oral exercise, under Rev. Alex. Hawke of Mt. Vernon. At present the group is working on the principles of parliamentary procedure, with the elements of effective floor speaking to follow soon. By the end of the semester, every freshman will have delivered a short talk upon a subject of his choice before the entire class.

Dr. Cahall is offering for the first time International Relations, a second semester follow-up of International Law, although the latter is not prerequisite. The class is a small one, and the lecture method has been used to outline recent world history as a background for later study of contemporary problems of international commerce and politics.

If Nature's Clock Is Right, They'll Arrive About Middle Of May

ALL WILL DIE BY JULY

Oodles Of Them To Perish In Fire, But Offspring Will Come In '48

By DAVID W. BOWMAN '14

(The author of the following contribution, a former editor-in-chief of the Collegian, was a member of the Kenyon class graduated at the time of the last invasion of Gambier by 17-year locusts. Since the periodical appearances of this strange insect species have been for many years as regular as any phenomenon in natural science, The Collegian feels justified in telling its readers of what is in store for them when spring comes—Editor)

Unless something has gone awry in entomology, Kenyon's campus will swarm with billions of uninvited guests during the commencement season of 1931.

And every one of them will be unwelcome—in fact, treated like a pest.

For this year is scheduled to witness the resurrection of the seventeen-year locust. They were present in 1914, in 1897, in 1880 and in 1863—plenty of alumni will vouch for that. At the 1914 commencement, one of the speakers at the Alumni dinner was John Brooks Leavitt, '63, distinguished New York attorney, who died late in 1930. He testified to the fact that the invaders were on time when he was a senior and every seventeenth year thereafter.

Farther back than 1863 the records do not go, but if the clock-like precision of this strange race of bug is any criterion, it is safe to assume that they overran College Township in 1846 and in 1829, when Old Kenyon was the only one of the present buildings the college had.

In fact, there is oral substantiation for the 1929 crop—in 1914,

when talking with the late Dr. F. W. Blake, of Gambier who was graduated in the locust year of 1880, I learned that his father had told him of seeing the swarm of insects that emerged from the campus in 1829. Hence it is a safe bet that the pests were on hand in 1846 as well.

When the Cicada Septendecim, to use its scientific name, starts invading the region around Gambier, late in May or early in June, there will be no doubt about it. These insects come with a rush, boiling up through the grass in almost in-half an hour the noise of incredible numbers. In half an hour the noise of the locusts is deafening. The trunks of all the trees on the campus are covered with cast off shells from which the bugs have graduated.

As a witness to the 1914 appearance of the cicadas in Gambier, I recall vividly the first symptom of their debut. With "Bill" Jenkins, of Minneapolis, also a member of the class of '14, I was walking across the open area between Ascension and the Library, about sunset one day late in May or early in June.

Suddenly the grass began waving, though there was no breeze.

Something crackled underfoot.

"Bill" looked down and saw a brown insect shorter than a grasshopper, crawling across one of his shoes. Then he saw more of them nearby. Then we both saw bushels of them.

The Collegian had published, a few months before, an article by Dr. George F. Smythe, predicting that the locusts were soon to break their seventeen-year slumber under the ground. But for the moment Jenkins and I had forgotten about it, so we stood and looked.

Within a few minutes the campus was alive with the insects. A little later the ground was invisible, for the mass of crawling, squirming bugs was ankle-deep. By the time we reached the hard path at the North door of Ascension the torrent of brown things was four or five inches deep.

The locusts were still emerging from underground at a late hour in the night. Each crawled until it reached a tree, then climbed up the trunk until it found on the bark a parking place not already taken.

In the morning the trunk of every tree and all its larger branches were covered with cast off-shells, complete even to the claws. The bugs had hooked their feet into the bark, split open the backs of their shells and emerged with new motive power. During the brief time remaining to them they relied upon wings instead of feet.

On shedding their shells, which they left on the tree trunks, the insects sought the upper parts of the trees. As soon as each cicada found a new parking place it sought one of the opposite gender. This apparently was done in line with the old Spanish custom of

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FIRST BULLETIN OF ALUMNI COUNCIL PUBLISHED

Contains Interesting Notes and Articles By Alumni

The first Alumni Council publication has been printed this month, in the form of a bulletin containing alumni comment and news notes. The foreword of the paper well expresses its purpose and hopes: "The Alumni Council of Kenyon College is an attempt to bring together, under one organization, all alumni efforts in behalf of Kenyon. It is not to be regarded solely as a money-raising organization, nor yet as a group of censorious reformers. Its aim is to represent the alumni as they may direct.

"So it has been felt that the pub-

lication of a small bulletin by the Council, for the alumni and well-wishers of Kenyon, will afford a means of determining alumni wishes and making them effective. It is to be an attempt to lay before all Kenyon alumni the plans of the Council, and the progress of their efforts. There is also the hope that it will become a forum through which the ideas of the individual alumnus may be expressed in public letters. Many other avenues of usefulness will suggest themselves if the publication meets with encouragement."

Doctor Peirce expresses his opinion of the enterprise: "The action of

the Alumni Council in deciding to establish an Alumni Bulletin of modest proportions seems to me eminently wise. Planned solely to meet the needs of the alumni, the Bulletin should possess unity of purpose and be directed to a single object. The alumni point of view is distinctive and this official journal will be addressed to a homogeneous constituency. The invitation to write a few paragraphs for each number I am happy to accept and to take this opportunity of reaching Kenyon men. May prosperity attend the Bulletin and the management behind it."

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ALUMNI CONTRIBUTION

The appearance of the Alumni Bulletin has brought clearly to the minds of the staff the value of alumni comment upon problems of Kenyon, and graduate theories as to their solution. The point of view of the alumnus cannot be other than far different from that of the student, because after all experience means so much, and things appear in different perspective to his eyes. It is the business of the Collegian to print the student reaction to problems arising on the Hill, and the staff would also like to make it its business to bring to light alumni comment upon these same subjects.

Let us consider for a moment such a contribution as that carried in the Bulletin, "Perpetuate Musical Inheritance," by Mr. Walter F. Tunks. It is in part an appeal to alumni for funds necessary to carry on worth-while music activity on the Hill, but it might well be interpreted as an appeal directly to the students for the effort and pains necessary in perpetuating such a tradition here. Alumni comment such as this is welcome, is well received, is much needed if the student body is to "keep the eye on the ball" in the routine of daily work. Perhaps it is unwise to think that young men of reasonably energy need a prod in the ribs now and then for their best work, but it is undoubtedly true. We need the benefit of ripe, mature judgment, criticism, and suggestion, and these are the things that the Collegian very sincerely solicits from the alumni. When an opportunity arises for the alumni contribution of a news article, such as that submitted for this issue by Mr. Bowman, it also is welcome.

Mr. Bowman has set the pace. The Collegian wants comment from the alumni, will appreciate it and will print it. What does Kenyon need most?

LOCUSTS

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serenading, for the noise became tremendous.

From every tree there came a buzzing loud enough to wake every sleeper in Gambier; and as the number of trees is great, the combined chorus for a time made it almost impossible to hear even Professor West telling his opinion of the modern student, or Dr. Allen insisting that the binomial theory was a cinch.

Before faculty and undergraduates and townfolks became accustomed to the three stages of amplification, as radio men call it, a new phase of the periodical visits of the pests became powerfully

obvious—the aroma. Every time Mr. Cicada and his wife concluded their romance, the husband fell to the ground to die. Mrs. Cicada crawled out on a limb until she reached a tender twig. There, about a foot from the end of the twig, she laid her eggs in a band of glue-like substance. Then, her mission accomplished, the female fell to the ground to die.

Thus the campus and the whole region around it soon were covered with dead bugs. The odor was more noticeable than delightful. The college employed forty or fifty men to shovel up the bodies, which were carted down to the Kokosing River bank to be burned. The burning augmented the odor.

The invasion lasted through commencement season. Visitors in most cases were amazed at the spectacle, but alumni who had seen it before took pride in telling about the locust invasions of '97 or '80. A few, in addition to Mr. Leavitt, could recall the visitation of '63.

Dr. Walton, not overlooking any bets, made the most of this novel opportunity to stimulate interest in the department of biology. But he didn't have to electioneer, for undergraduates and alumni who had not given biology a thought for years kept him busy answering queries. He kept close watch on the phenomenon, and the following September reported to returning students that the invasion ended about the last of June.

By Independence Day there were few signs that anything abnormal had taken place. The ground, indeed, still was marked by myriads of holes, barely large enough to admit the little finger of a freshman. And under every tree were strewn many twigs, each about a foot long. This was because, after the eggs were laid in the bark, the twigs died from the egg-bands to the end. As they dropped off, the tiny larvae also fell to the ground, where they promptly started digging their way down. There, a foot or more beneath the grass roots, they still sleep, awaiting the day when Nature's alarm clock will end their seventeen year repose—that is, unless the recent drought killed them.

Gambier is not the only region that will see these insects this year. Scattered sections in Northern and Central West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio are due for similar invasions. Some of them are predicted for as early as May 20. Locusts of the seventeen-year variety do not all run on the same schedule, for some sections report them several years before or after the appearance of the Knox County crop. Then, too, there are thirteen-year locusts in scattered parts the United States.

In order that anybody who sees the "Insects of 1931" will know these chorines when he sees them, here is a description of them:

Cicadas are about one and a half inches long, with dark bodies and orange-striped abdomens. Six legs and two pairs of wings are attached to the chassis. The wings are shiny and have prominent orange-colored veins.

The forehead is wide, with a red eye protruding from each side. There are no jaws, but a beak is sharp enough to drill into a twig for the purpose of sucking out sap.

The sound-producing organ—no pun intended—is an elaborate drum-like apparatus on the underside of the thorax. If you are in doubt what a thorax is, ask "Bugs" Walton; he got his Doctor's degree by writing up the upper part of the middle pair of legs attached to some insect's thorax.

The general impression retained by spectators after a locust invasion is that Noah was a bit too careful in checking up the cargo of his

Ark. Even the most devout of Bexleyites in 1914 was heard to remark that cicadas made him wonder whether Providence really intended everything to be a blessing. But the locusts do have their uses. Their visit every seventeen years gives a long-awaited banquet to small insectivorous animals such as field-mice, and crows gorge themselves like darkies in melon patches. Barnyard fowls get fat on them, and sometimes even cats and dogs go for them like hungry rats for a corn-crib.

In certain regions the appearance of a crop of seventeen-year locusts brings dread to the superstitious. This is because the more prominent veins in a cicada's wing form the letter "W". Among simple-minded folk, this is said to presage war. Perhaps this is because the cradles of one generation fill the trenches of the next; but, without implying faith in the old superstition, the last time the locusts stormed Gambier Hill was 1914—and less than three months later the World War was on.

BASKETBALL

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In fifteen attempts they made only three tallies, while Otterbein, in the same number of tries, counted twelve to the score.

Ashland, Kent State, and Muskingum are to be played, the first at home and the other two away from Gambier.

The schedule for next year has been completed, with a list of seventeen games. In addition to the opponents of this year, Bowling Green, Baldwin-Wallace, Toledo University, and Ohio Northern are to be met.

REV. REINHIMER

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counts of the appointment of Archdeacon Reinheimer, Episcopallians there stated that his success in the Southern Ohio Diocese, in making a paper organization in the local diocese a vital and efficient entity, attracted nation-wide attention. It was stated at the diocesan house that, under his guidance, contributions for all purposes had increased more than 250 per cent in the diocese during the ten years.

His spiritual influence was even greater, it was said, especially among the laymen of the diocese, whom he interested in becoming active church workers.

He is 42 years old, is married and has three young sons. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta.

After his graduation from Bexley in 1914, he passed his first year as a home missionary in charge of the Shelby (Ohio) Mission. In 1916, he became curate of Christ Church, Dayton, and in 1918, rector of that church. A year later he was appointed part-time Executive Secretary of the Diocese and devoted his spare time to making effective the Nation-Wide Campaign which the diocese adopted in 1919.

In 1921 this work had grown to such proportions that the Rev. Mr. Reinheimer resigned his Dayton parish to become full-time Executive Secretary of the diocese. He organ-

ized the Old Barn Club at Dayton, where Episcopal laymen and clergymen met to discuss the annual every-member canvass and to obtain inspiration to carry on their work.

So widely known did these Old Barn Club conferences become that more than 40 dioceses throughout the United States have adopted this method of carrying a new spirit each year to laymen and ministers.

Archdeacon Reinheimer regards his new work as a distinct challenge. He has turned a deaf ear to numerous offers of private pastoral work in prominent churches to accept it. His new work involves traveling over the entire United States, and later into the foreign mission field. He wishes to make personal contacts with all the Bishops of the Church.

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ALUMNI

From the Cleveland Alumni office come these suggestions in regard to planning for alumni meetings:

Whether it is the annual meeting or one of the potentially delightful and profitable gatherings of any local group, make your plans far enough in advance. These get-togethers will simply not take care of themselves.

The association members are not likely to come around and find out for themselves what is being planned. They must be told—not once—but several times. It may not seem reasonable, but the earnest effort of an advertising genius is none too good for the form of your summons, if you want a successful meeting. Your preliminary publicity should be of the best.

After you have got your crowd, by fair means or foul, "create the atmosphere" of the gathering. On this depends the decision of each man to come or not to come next time. Don't overlook the speaking program. Someone has said "Don't let the president of the association feel that his only function is presiding at the annual dinner." Get a real toastmaster, even if he happens to be president of the association.

Remember the music. If you haven't an orchestra, maybe someone in the crowd can hammer out the old familiar songs so that everyone just can't help joining in. All crowds can sing, but some have to be coaxed a bit. If a quartet of old Glee Club singers can get together before the meeting and practice, they never fail to bring down the house.

Appoint someone to stand outside and listen to remarks as the alumni drift out. The result may be a better meeting next time.

Philip Louis Saesongood, a matriculate of the class of '87, died January 21 at Holmes Hospital, in Cincinnati. He was 65 years old. Death was due to pneumonia, following an operation.

He was a son of General Lewis Saesongood of Civil War fame. For many years he was a clothing manufacturer in Cincinnati, but retired a number of years ago. His widow and several brothers and sisters survive.

Seasongood was a member of Psi Upsilon.

The Rev. Lester L. Riley, '07 A. B., '09 Bexley, '15 A. M., took a leading part in the Conference of Liberals of the Episcopal Church, at Philadelphia, early in February, according to press dispatches. He is rector of Zion Church, Douglaston, Long Island.

An announcement emanating from the gathering, under date of February 3, quoted the Rev. Mr. Riley as having said, in part:

"We shudder at the thought of the 'solemnization' that attends a marriage in our civil courts, as we know them at present in our cities. The disorderly procedure which prevails is far from solemn or consistent with the dignity of marriage. The Church must insist that the civil marriage shall be surrounded with all the dignity and uniformity, with all that is impressive and artistic as in the Church marriage."

"Those who look upon their marriage as a purely legal contract would have their union solemnized in an adequate marriage rite, which would send them away with full consciousness of the responsibility of the State for their welfare as citizens."

'92—The Rev. Louis E. Durr, '92 A. B., '94 Bexley, has sailed for Japan.

and after a visit of several months in that country will continue on to Germany, circling the globe before returning to his home in Hillsboro, O.

'04—Robert Clarke Jr., M. D., is located in Grant City, Staten Island.

'05—Edward Gustav Jarecki died suddenly on December 3, 1930, in Alhambra, Calif.

'13—Fred G. Clark, '13, of Cleveland, has been re-elected as Commander-in-Chief of the Crusaders, an organization of young men seeking to promote temperance through modification of prohibition laws.

'16—The Rev. N. R. High, of Atlanta, Ga., has been appointed Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh and will assume his duties May 1.

'23—Russell E. Fishack, formerly of the Hinde & Dauch Paper Company, Sandusky, O., is now living in Toledo.

'23—Invitations have been received to the wedding of Miss Gertrude Alberta McRae to James Thomas McIlwain, of Cincinnati. The ceremony will take place in Glencoe, Ill., on Saturday, February 14, after which a reception will be held at the Skokie Country Club.

'25—Grant B. Peterson has recently moved from Riverside, Calif., to Hollywood.

'25—Don J. Gassman, who has recently been in Pindlay, O., has accepted a position in New York and is living in Brooklyn.

'26—James F. Lee Jr. has left Mt. Vernon and gone to Los Angeles.

'28—The Rev. John Q. Martin Jr. has left Pontiac, Michigan, and is now living in Cincinnati.

'29—Philip P. F. Lee of Mt. Vernon is now living in Albuquerque, N. M.

'30—Gordon H. Pumphrey of Mt. Vernon is at Jefferson Medical School of Philadelphia.

'30—John M. Lazear of Mt. Vernon has sent his new address as 20 Hereford St., Boston, Mass.

'30—Lockhart Wayt of Mt. Vernon has gone to live in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

KMA—Dr. C. R. Eskey, who has held for some time the position of Chief Quarantine Officer at Manila, P. I., has been transferred to the U. S. Public Health Service at Washington, D. C. He is now spending some time at the American Consulate at Lima, Peru.

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We offer herewith a column of quips and cracks about Kenyon and Kenyonites . . . We hope you like it . . . At any rate—here goes . . . Dr. Manning gave a very nice party for various members of the faculty and student body the other night . . . Everyone enjoyed it but Dr. Allen . . . Who went down four on a bid of two no trump . . . Our sympathies to Dr. Allen . . . Henry Shute's Drama League is still very active . . . They will give some more plays very soon . . . Wonder what Dr. Radford thinks about as he scurries along . . . Maybe it is his lost Greek Art notes . . . Jimmie Hughes gained himself even more renown the other day . . . By making a basket for the opponents in the new basketball league . . . Jimmie is a good man to be playing against . . . As far as basketball goes . . . Dr. Cottrell's Radio Boys now have an amateur broadcasting station in Mather Hall . . . And are doing right well, thank you . . . Dr. Cottrell is now busy learning the International code . . . The Deltas caught an owl in their lodge the other day . . . We thought the Psi U's had an option on all the owls in Gambier . . . Someone has said that there will be no cars allowed in Gambier next year . . . Wonder how low the registration will drop if such a rule goes into effect . . . The mandate for this Spring seems to be no moustaches . . . According to Eberth and Ehrbar . . . Those boys are looking pretty white around the upper lip . . . Were you ever in the pool room when Harry Langdon was pushing the balls around . . . The good old blacksmith's touch . . . We hear that some of the Psi U's lost valuable wearing apparel in a neighboring city the other night . . . And the West Wing boys are charging in on the Sigma Hannas with BB guns . . . What next . . . Bud Ferebee has added an encyclopedia to his library . . . He insists on getting educated . . . Motto of Sterling Hanna says that spats are quite proper with all forms of dress . . . Even with lumberjack coats . . . Which may be right for all we know . . . Mr. Ashford has now reached the point where he can read the responses to the psalms faster than anyone else in chapel . . . That is perfection in one field at least . . . One advantage of the dormitory system is that the dorms cannot be padlocked . . . Hail to the Maize and Blue . . . Ed Ferris now has a radio in his room . . . Quite stylish we call it . . . But it would be better if the thing would stay tuned . . . We hear that O. O. McIntyre also runs a column . . . And Will Rogers . . . And Cal Coolidge . . . We wish these boys lots of

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idge, the Northampton Daily Opti-luck . . . Clyde Mackenzie was around looking for a blind date the other night . . . That was while one of his best eyes was hiding behind yards and yards of bandage . . . Have you heard the Newcomer, Webb, Tuhey string trio lately . . . With Bud MacNamee ha-chaing in the background . . . They are really pretty good . . . George Evans says that his new grape fruit juice mixes very well . . . Try it for morning mouth too . . . Dr. Timberlake has a swell new volley ball outfit . . . Consisting of an old pair of baseball pants and a moth-eaten sweater . . . Dr. Seitz also gave a party the other night . . . For all the boys of Middle Leonard and a flock of Harcourt maidens . . . The hearts in M. L. have not settled back to their regular pace yet . . . A certain auburn-haired Adonis of East Wing is much beloved by one of these Harcourt maids . . . How does it feel to be in love, Ed . . . The Betas initiated Dave Thornberry the other night . . . And the Alpha Deltas Henry Burr . . . Congrats, boys . . . Several new window panes have been placed in Leonard Hall . . . More dollars . . . Guess this is about enough for this time . . . See you next issue . . . So long.

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To the period between 1890 and 1900 Dr. Baker awarded the awakening of modern drama, and to Arthur Wing Pinero and Henry Arthur Jones the credit for breaking away from the conventionalized ideas which bound the stage. Although they both wrote for entertainment and tended to the melodramatic, they were able on the one hand to develop real characters which would provide straight portraiture, and on the other hand to derive several different morals from one thing in life. They were beginning to see that life is complex, not simple and arranged by an external hand.

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